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L.D. 97
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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 83, L.D. 97, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Certain Changes to a Direct Initiative of Legislation for a Period of Time after It Is Approved by the Voters"

Amend the resolution in section 19 in the last line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "measure" the following: 'unless approved by the applicants who filed the petition for the direct initiative of legislation with the Secretary of State'

Amend the resolution in the question in the last line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "measure" the following: 'unless the change is approved by the applicants who filed the petition for the measure'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Legislature to amend a law that was enacted by a direct initiative of legislation within 8 years of its enactment if the applicants who submitted the petition for the direct initiative approve of the change.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Certain Changes to a Direct Initiative of Legislation for a Period of Time after It Is Approved by the Voters

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-11	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters, the Legislature would be prohibited from substantively changing measures enacted by a vote of the people. The fiscal impact of this restriction can not be determined at this time and will depend on the intent of future measures enacted by a vote of the people. If these measures represent significant additional costs or reductions in revenue to the State or local units of government, the options available to the Legislature to offset these costs or revenue decreases would be limited to changes other than affecting the intent of the measure itself.